







Map 16 Southeastern Alaska Area



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| FWS Administered Land | USFS Administered Land | Fishing Districts |
| NPS Administered Parks | Closed to Subsistence | Subdistrict or Section |
| NPS Administered Preserves | Roads | |
| BLM Administered Land | Area Boundary | |
| BLM Non-navigable Waters Only | Federal Boundary | |

Southeastern Alaska Area Subsistence Fishing

The Southeastern Alaska Area includes all waters between a line projecting southwest from the westernmost tip of Cape Fairweather and Dixon Entrance. These regulations apply on inland waters within or adjacent to Admiralty Island National Monument, Misty Fjords National Monument, and the Tongass National Forest and excludes marine waters. [See maps 14, 15, and 16.]

FEDERAL DELEGATED OFFICIAL



Southeastern Area

See Directory for the list of
USDA Forest Service District Rangers
serving as Federal Delegated Officials
at the back of this book

Customary and Traditional Use Determinations

AREA	SPECIES	DETERMINATION
District 1 Section 1E in waters of the Naha River and Roosevelt Lagoon	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents of the City of Saxman.
District 1 Section 1F in Boca de Quadra in waters of Sockeye Creek and Hugh Smith Lake within 500 yards of the terminus of Sockeye Creek	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents of the City of Saxman.
Districts 2, 3, and 5 and waters draining into those districts.	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents living south of Sumner Strait and west of Clarence Strait and Kashevaroff Passage.
District 5 North of a line from Point Barrie to Boulder Point	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents of the City of Kake and in Kupreanof Island drainages emptying into Keku Strait south of Point White and north of the Portage Bay boat harbor.
District 6 and waters draining into that district	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents living south of Sumner Strait and west of Clarence Strait and Kashevaroff Passage; residents of drainages flowing into District 6 north of the latitude of Point Alexander (Mitkof Island); residents of drainages flowing into Districts 7 & 8, including the communities of Petersburg & Wrangell; and residents of the communities of Meyers Chuck and Kake.
District 7 and waters draining into that district	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents of drainages flowing into District 6 north of the latitude of Point Alexander (Mitkof Island); residents of drainages flowing into Districts 7 & 8, including the communities of Petersburg & Wrangell; and residents of the communities of Meyers Chuck and Kake.
District 8 and waters draining into that district	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents of drainages flowing into District 6 north of the latitude of Point Alexander (Mitkof Island); residents of drainages flowing into Districts 7 & 8, the communities of Petersburg & Wrangell; and residents of the community of Meyers Chuck.
District 9 Section 9A	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• Residents of the City of Kake and in Kupreanof Island drainages emptying into Keku Strait south of Point White and north of the Portage Bay boat harbor.

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Customary and Traditional Use Determinations *continued*

AREA	SPECIES	DETERMINATION
District 9 Section 9B north of the latitude of Swain Point	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City of Kake and in Kupreanof Island drainages emptying into Keku Strait south of Point White and north of the Portage Bay boat harbor</i>
District 10 West of a line from Pinta Point to False Point Pybus	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City of Kake and in Kupreanof Island drainages emptying into Keku Strait south of Point White and north of the Portage Bay boat harbor.</i>
District 12 South of a line from Fishery Point to south Passage Point and north of the latitude of Point Caution	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City of Angoon and along the western shore of Admiralty Island north of the latitude of Sand Island, south of the latitude of Thayer Creek, and west of 134° 30' W. Long., including Killisnoo Island.</i>
District 13 Section 13A south of the latitude of Cape Edward	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City and Borough of Sitka in drainages which empty into Section 13B north of the latitude of Dorothy Narrows.</i>
District 13 Section 13B north of the latitude of Redfish Cape.	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City and Borough of Sitka in drainages which empty into Section 13B north of the latitude of Dorothy Narrows</i>
District 13 Section 13C	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City and Borough of Sitka in drainages which empty into Section 13B north of the latitude of Dorothy Narrows.</i>
District 13 Section 13C east of the longitude of Point Elizabeth	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City of Angoon and along the western shore of Admiralty Island north of the latitude of Sand Island, south of the latitude of Thayer Creek, and west of 134° 30' W. Long., including Killisnoo Island.</i>
District 14 Sections 14B and 14C	Salmon, Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of the City of Hoonah and in Chichagof Island drainages on the eastern shore of Port Frederick from Gartina Creek to Point Sophia.</i>
Remainder of the Southeastern Alaska Area	Dolly Varden, trout, smelt, and eulachon	• <i>Residents of Southeastern Alaska and Yakutat Areas.</i>

Special Provisions:

Unless restricted in this section or under the terms of a fishing permit, you may take fish other than salmon, steelhead, trout, grayling, and char in the Southeastern Alaska Area at any time.

- You must possess a subsistence fishing permit to take salmon, steelhead, trout, grayling, or char.
- No permits for the use of nets will be issued for the salmon streams flowing across or adjacent to the road systems within the city limits of Petersburg, Wrangell, and Sitka.
- If you take salmon, trout, or char incidentally with gear operated under the terms of a subsistence permit for other salmon, they may be kept for subsistence purposes. You must report any salmon, trout, or char taken in this manner on your subsistence fishing permit.
- The **Sarkar River system** above the bridge is closed to the use of all nets by both Federally-qualified and non-Federally qualified users.
- **In areas where use of rod and reel is allowed, you may use artificial fly, lure, or bait when fishing with rod and reel, unless restricted by Federal permit. If you use bait, you must retain all Federally-regulated**

fish species caught, and they apply to your daily, seasonal, and annual harvest limits for that species. For streams with steelhead, once your daily or annual limit of steelhead is harvested, you may no longer fish with bait for any species.

- Unless otherwise specified in this section, allowable gear for salmon or steelhead is restricted to gaffs, spears, gillnets, seines, dip nets, cast nets, handlines, or rod and reel.
- Unless otherwise specified in this section, you may use a handline for snagging salmon or steelhead.
- You may accumulate annual Federal subsistence harvest limits authorized for Southeast Alaska with harvest limits authorized under State of Alaska sport fishing regulations.
- You may not possess subsistence-taken and sport-taken salmon on the same day.
- You shall immediately remove **both lobes of the caudal (tail) fin** of all salmon when taken (see Fin Identification, page 19).
- You may fish with a rod and reel within 300 feet of a fish ladder unless the site is posted by the USDA Forest Service. You may not fish from, on, or in a fish ladder.
- In the Southeastern Alaska Area, a rainbow trout is defined as a fish of the species *Oncorhynchus mykiss* less than 22-inches in overall length. A steelhead is defined as a rainbow trout with an overall length of 22 inches or larger.

Regulations

Stikine River Chinook, Sockeye, and Coho Salmon

- You may take Chinook, sockeye, and coho salmon in the mainstem of the Stikine River only under the authority of a Federal subsistence fishing permit. Each Stikine River permit will be issued to a household and will be valid for 15 days. Permits may be re-validated for additional 15-day periods.
- The total annual guideline harvest level for the Stikine River fishery is 125 Chinook, 600 sockeye, and 400 coho salmon.
- You may retain other salmon taken incidentally by gear operated under terms of this permit. The incidentally taken salmon must be reported on your permit calendar.

Stikine River Chinook, Sockeye, and Coho Salmon Fishery		
SEASON	GEAR	ANNUAL LIMIT (per household)
Chinook: May 15–June 20 Sockeye: June 21–July 31 Coho: August 15–October 1	Dip net, spears, gaffs, rod and reel, beach seine, and gillnet (not exceeding 15 fathoms in length with a mesh size no larger than 5½ inches, except during Chinook season when mesh up to 8-inches may be used).	5 Chinook salmon 40 sockeye salmon 20 coho salmon

Sockeye Salmon

- If a harvest limit is not otherwise listed for sockeye in this section, the harvest limit for sockeye salmon is the same as provided for State subsistence or personal use fisheries. If a harvest limit is not established for the State subsistence and personal use fisheries, the possession limit is 10 sockeye and the annual harvest limit is 20 sockeye per household for that stream.

Sockeye Salmon Fisheries (Except the Stikine River)		
LOCATION	DAILY HARVEST LIMIT (per household, per day)	SEASON LIMIT (per household)
Salmon Bay Lake system	30	30
Virginia Lake (Mill Creek)	20	40
Thoms Creek	20	40
Falls Lake Bay or Gut Bay drainages	10	No season limit

- **Streams draining into Falls Lake Bay, Gut Bay, or Bay of Pillars** are open to Federally-qualified subsistence users only.
- From July 7 through July 31, you may take sockeye salmon in the waters of the **Klawock River and Klawock Lake** only from 8:00 a.m. Monday until 5:00 p.m. Friday.

Coho Salmon

Southeastern Alaska Area - Coho Salmon Fishery (Except the Stikine River-see previous page; and the Taku River, which is closed)		
SEASON	GEAR	DAILY HARVEST LIMIT
No closed season	Dip nets Spears Gaffs Handlines Rod and Reel	20 coho salmon per day, per household

Pink and Chum Salmon

- Unless noted on a Federal subsistence harvest permit, there are no harvest limits for pink or chum salmon.

Steelhead Trout

You may take steelhead under the terms of a subsistence fishing permit. The permit conditions and systems to receive special protection will be determined by the local Federal fisheries manager in consultation with ADF&G. In addition to the requirement for a Federal subsistence fishing permit, these restrictions apply:

Steelhead Trout Fishery (Except Prince of Wales and Kosciusko Islands)			
SEASON	GEAR	DAILY HARVEST LIMIT	ANNUAL HARVEST LIMIT
January 1- May 31	Dip net Gaff Handline Spear Rod and reel	1 steelhead per day, per household	2 steelhead, per household annual limit

Prince of Wales and Kosciusko Islands - Steelhead Trout Fishery		
SEASON	GEAR	SEASON HARVEST AND POSSESSION LIMIT
Winter season Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Dip net Handline Spear Rod and reel	2 steelhead trout, per household (Season may be closed when harvest level cap of 100 steelhead trout is reached.)
Spring season Mar. 1–May 31	Dip net Handline Spear Rod and reel	5 steelhead trout, per household (Season may be closed when harvest quota of 600 steelhead trout, minus the number of steelhead harvested in the previous winter subsistence steelhead fishery, is reached.)

- **Prince of Wales and Kosciusko Islands:** You must obtain a separate permit for the winter and spring fishing seasons. You must return your winter or spring season permit within 15 days of the close of the season and before receiving another permit for the fishery.

Trout, Char, and Grayling

- You must possess a Federal subsistence fishing permit to take trout, char, Dolly Varden, or grayling. The permit conditions and systems to receive special protection will be determined by the local Federal fisheries manager in consultation with ADF&G.

In addition to the requirement for a Federal subsistence fishing permit, these restrictions apply:

Trout, Char, and Grayling Fisheries		
SEASON	GEAR	DAILY HARVEST AND POSSESSION LIMIT
No closed season or size limits	Rod and reel.	20 brook trout, per household 20 grayling, per household 20 Dolly Varden, per household 6 cutthroat or 6 rainbow trout (12 per household in combination)

Eulachon

- You must possess a subsistence fishing permit to take eulachon from any freshwater stream flowing into fishing Sections 1C or 1D.
- For the remainder of Southeast Alaska, no permit is required. There is no closed season or harvest limit for eulachon.



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